

**Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, June 21, 1791,  
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**TO JAMES MADISON MAD. MSS.**

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Dear Sir, —I arrived here on Sunday evening. Yesterday I sent your note to Leiper who immediately called and paid the 200 Dollars, which I have exchanged for a post note & now inclose. I mentioned to the Arty Gen. that I had a note on him, & afterwards sent it to him, saying nothing as to time. I inclose you also a post note for 35 Dollars to make up my deficit of expenses (25 94. D.) to pay Mr. Elsworth & the smith & also to get me from Rivington, Hamilton More's practical navigator, if his be the 6th edn. as I believe it is. This is the best edn. revised & printed under the author's eye. The later edn. are so incorrect as to be worth nothing.

The President will leave Mt. Vernon on the 27th. He will be stayed a little at Georgetown,—Colo. H. Lee is here. He gives a very different account from Carrington, of the disposition of the upper country of Virginia towards the Excise law—he thinks resistance possible. I am sorry we did not bring with us some leaves of the different plants which struck our attention, as it is the leaf which principally decides *specific* differences. You may still have it in your power to repair the omission in some degree. The Balsam tree at Govr. Robinson's is the Balsam poplar, *Populus Balsamifera* of Linnæus. The *Arolea* I can only suspect to be the *viscosa*, because I find but two kinds the *nudiflora viscosa* acknowledged to grow with us. I am sure it is not the *nudiflora*. The white pine is the *Pinus Strobus*.

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I will thank you if in your journey northward you will continue the enquiries relative to the Hessian fly, & note them. The post is almost on it's departure so Adieu.